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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: TOX PRESSOTECHNIK GMBH & CO. KG)
Serial Number: 10/510322)
Filed: 04/04/2003)
Priority Date: 04/04/2002)
For: CLINCHING METHOD AND TOOL THEREFOR)
Docket Number: 13976)

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING PARTS
AND
PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

19 September 2005

Sir:

This Communication is in response to your "Notification of Missing Requirements" dated June 20, 2005 having a period for reply that expired on August 20, 2005. Accompanying this response is a petition for a 1-month extension of time. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on September 19, 2005.

Applicant now submits herewith:

- Oath/Declaration of Inventorship and Power of Attorney;
- Late oath or declaration Surcharge of \$130;
- Translation of the application and preliminary amendment into English with certificate of translation;
- Second preliminary amendment;
- Processing fee for the translation of \$130; and
- Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts.

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REMARKS

Applicant asserts that all of the objections have been overcome, and now requests further consideration on the merits.

A check for \$370 for the late oath or declaration surcharge, the English translation surcharge and the extension is enclosed. A previous \$10 credit was applied to the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account, Number 04-2219, referencing our Docket number 13976.

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE TERM

The applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for reply to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated June 20, 2005 for 1-month from August 20, 2005 to September 20, 2005. Submitted herewith is a check for \$120.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account number 04-2219, referencing our docket number 13976.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine L. Gemrich

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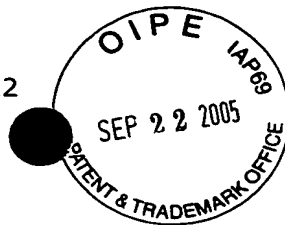
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APEX TRANSLATIONS

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Re: Translation of - (1.) Patent "A Method for Joining Elements and Tool for it"; (2.) Transmittal letter US Designated/Elected Office submitted under 35 U.S.C.371; and (03.) Preliminary Amendment of Claims re: PCT/DE03/01127 - from German into US English.

We, Apex Translations, Inc., a professional translation company, hereby certify that the above-mentioned documents have been translated by an experienced and qualified professional translator and that, in our best judgment, the translated texts truly reflect the content, meaning, and style of the original texts and constitute in every respect correct and true translations of the original documents.

This is to certify the correctness of the translations only. We do not guarantee that the originals are genuine documents or that the statements contained in the original documents are true. We have made comments in the translations referring to inconsistencies in the source texts.

Copies of the translations are attached to this certification.

Florian Deltgen, Ph.D., PD

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Dated: August 24, 2005